

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present claims include limitations not disclosed by nor made obvious in view of the prior art. For example, claims 35 and 82 are the only remaining independent claims. Claim 35 now recites "a cable secured along a length of the conduit and electrically coupled to the sensors for transferring the signals to a destination". Claim 82 recites "a plurality of sensors fixedly coupled to the conduit, wherein each sensor includes a wireless transmitter for transmitting a signal to a central controller for controlling dispensing of a material via the outlet in response to the transmitted signals."

Iggulden does not show a cable running along a length of the conduit as recited by claim 35. Iggulden's cables run from a probe to a valve, or from a controller to a valve, without being "secured along a length of the conduit". See, e.g., Iggulden at Fig. 6 and associated discussion.

Neither does Iggulden disclose or make obvious wireless transmission of sensor data to a "central controller". In Iggulden, each wireless transmission from a sensor is sent only to one associated valve. "Where there are a plurality of valves connected to the timer controller means in the wireless version, there are identification code recognition means included within the receiver means disposed for disabling only the valve associated with an identification code . . .". Iggulden at col. 4, lines 13-17. Thus each sensor's data is used to control only one valve. In this respect Iggulden teaches away from the present invention's approach of sending data from a plurality of sensors to a central controller.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner's convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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